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## **Mexico**

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### **Regulation to Establish Protected Areas and Areas Free From Potato Pests (NOM-025-FITO-2000)**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**On June 12, 2000, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development published a final regulation regarding potato pests. It establishes the criteria for areas to be declared protected and free from quarantined pests. It also prescribes the phytosanitary measures which must be applied for such areas to maintained that status. The regulation took effect on June 13, 2000.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes a final regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on June 12, 2000.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** On June 12, 2000, Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development (SAGAR) published the final regulation NOM-025-FITO-2000 which addresses potato pests. It establishes the criteria which geographic areas must meet to be declared protected areas and areas free from quarantined pests that attack potatoes. It also prescribes the prevention and eradication measures which must be applied to such areas for them to maintain that status. (See "Additional Information" below for more details.)

**Background:**

Date	Action	FAS Rept #
6/27/1995	First published as an Emergency rule (NOM-EM-025-FITO-1995) in effect for six months.	n/a
9/14/1995	Proposal for NOM-025-FITO-1995	n/a
1/8/1996	Extended Emergency rule for six months	n/a
5/3/2000	Responses to comments submitted	n/a

**Title:** Regulation to Establish Protected Areas and Areas Free from Quarantined Pests of Concern for Potatoes.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** June 12, 2000

**2. Effective Date:** June 13, 2000

**Products Affected:** Fresh and processing potatoes and potato propagative material

**Agency in Charge:** Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development

**Additional Information:**

To apply this regulation the following official regulations should be considered

- \* NOM-012-FITO-1995, External quarantine to prevent the introduction of potato pests into the country.
- \* NOM-EM-025FITO-1995 , (Emergency Regulation) Establishment of zones under protection from major potato pests.
- \* NOM-069-FITO-1995, Establishment and recognition of areas free of pests and diseases.
- \* NAPPO regulation on phytosanitary measures "Requirements to import potatoes to a NAPPO country member. NAPPO Doc. 956-022.

Transporting potatoes for fresh consumption or processing into an area under protection and a free area, will only be possible when the product has a National Transportation Phytosanitary Certificate issued according to the Mexican official regulations. Also, any propagative material such as seed tubers, nuclear and pre-nuclear materials that are transported to areas under protection and free areas must have a National Transportation Phytosanitary Certificate complying with SAGAR procedures. It also prohibits the entry of seed potatoes, except nuclear and pre-nuclear material, from areas that have quarantine pests and/or without a National Transportation Phytosanitary Certificate.

At the verification points established to access the protected areas and free areas, any shipment must have the National Transportation Phytosanitary Certificate or copy of the International Phytosanitary Certificate with the corresponding import certificate.

SAGAR will be able to declare, at the request of the interested parties, areas under protection or areas free of the quarantined pests A1, according to NOM-012-FITO-1995, by which an external quarantine can be established to prevent the introduction of potato pests. According to NAPPO regulations to import potatoes, appendix 1 and 2, whose certification represents an advantage for the national and international trade of the product produced in this area. (NOTE: A1 pests - are the pests of economic significance that are not present in Mexico but with the potential to become established.)

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